

Western Premiers' Conference To Discuss Unoccupied Land Problem

The announcement has been made in the Manitoba Legislature that Premier T. C. Norris will call a conference of the prairie province Premiers to consider what kind of uniform legislation is necessary to deal with the unoccupied land problem in Western Canada. It was also announced that the conference would be held in May, now that there is a general view of finding ways and means to increase their productivity to the country.

It need not be argued that the calling of a conference for such a purpose is timely and in the national interest, for it has been well said that the economic future of the West and of Canada as a whole, depends upon the proper settlement of the unoccupied lands along existing railway lines and through the improvement of conditions affecting the production of basic farm products.

The forthcoming conference is the outcome of various meetings held between the Western Provincial Cabinet Ministers and the officials of the Western Canada Colonization Association.

In the memorial recently presented to the Western Governments by the Mining and Agriculture Colonization Association, the view was clearly and strongly expressed that uniform legislation, calling for the listing of unoccupied lands at farm prices and for a reasonable period, was the key to the success of any genuine colonization movement.

It is little to advance the theory that voluntary listing of unoccupied lands will suffice, for those who are in a position to judge, in the words of one member of the committee, are seriously worried by the statement of General Macfarlan that the proposed legislation is both reasonable and necessary, if the money subscribed to the Western Canada Colonization Association is to be expended in the national interest.

The listing of unoccupied lands with the provincial governments will enable their Land Commissions to make a study and price a similar tract of land to the railway companies. Soil tests and price lists will be generally distributed and will not only serve the purpose of the Western Canada Colonization Association, but as well all the land agencies throughout the provinces. In addition the necessary information will be provided to enable the Dominion Government to direct migrants to the vacant lands near existing railway lines where there have been no local developments.

The estimated results, given throughout the country, to the proposal for provincial legislation is evidence that the people of the West are seriously anxious to effectively deal with, and find a solution for, the unoccupied land problem in the prairie provinces.

The proposed "inter-provincial Premiers' conference" will probably be held at some date in the near future. Its decisions will affect every community interested in the West. In the meantime every Board of Trade, Municipal Council, Farmers' Organization, and all interested public bodies and citizens, should give serious consideration to this important subject and make representations in regard thereto to their respective Governments. Some legislation undoubtedly is necessary to deal with the serious unoccupied land problem. Needless to say, every urban resident is affected by the unoccupied land problem, and the public should be fully informed and vitally interested in the forthcoming Premiers' conference when agricultural conditions will be fully reviewed and an honest attempt made to find a remedy for existing ills.

Science Explained

Rain of Blood

Clouds Were Saturated With Red Rain in Brazil

The "Rain of Blood," a curious phenomenon of Southern France and Italy, occurred recently at Monte Carlo and Mentone. After the downpour ceased the roofs, roads, gardens and streets were covered with red water, with sticks and stones. The inhabitants of the gambling metropolis were much terrified. There is, however, a scientific explanation which is perfectly satisfactory, says the Scientific American. It is said that the rains had been saturated with red sand from the Salara Desert.

Farms in New York City.

There are in the limits of the city of New York 800 farms, valued at more than \$3,000,000. They are in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Bronx, in Brooklyn, 563 in Queens and 121 in the Borough of Richmond. The average value of a farm in the nation's greatest city varies according to location and the type of acreage. Farms in the Bronx range from \$8 in the Bronx to nearly \$300 in Brooklyn.—New York Times.

Hog raising in Western Canada is still a paying proposition despite the sharp drop in prices of farm products. John W. McLean of Brandon, Manitoba, recently sold a load of hogs to a Lethbridge butcher, averaging 270 pounds each. They were nine months old and scaled that weight after a journey of eighteen miles.

Use Linseed Skins for Shoes.

Skins of many common animals, including axes, boards, valances, typewriters and numerous kinds of alights and crocodiles, are now being used for making women's footwear.

Beauty is only skin deep, and lots of wisdom is in the same class.

Make Armistice Day Fixed Holiday.

The conclusion of the war is to be celebrated by a public holiday observed under the name of Armistice Day. A bill to this effect passed its final stage in the House of Commons and will be introduced in the Senate April 1st. The holiday will be the Monday in the week in which November 11 (the day on which hostilities terminated) occurs and Thanksgiving will be celebrated the same day.

Over 400,000 Estimated to be on French Soil.

A conference will shortly be held between the representatives of the Canadian and German governments, with regard to the treatment of German graves in Allied countries and of Allied graves in Germany. It is estimated that there are over 400,000 graves in Germany.

The conference will be held in Paris.

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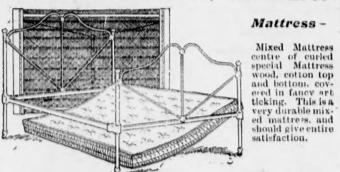
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Local News.

S. Bird was in Calgary last week on business.

Rev. C. Bishop and O. H. Cummings are attending the Methodist Conference in Calgary.

Several stock men from our district attended the Calgary stock sale last week and purchased several animals.

Mrs. C. A. Parks was taken to Red Deer hospital last week and operated on for appendicitis. She is doing nicely.

Dr. Budd will be in attendance at his office daily, having discontinued his Thursday and Friday appointments.

Mrs. Clifford Hewitt and little son, of Rimby, spent a week with Mr. and Mrs. H. Dickau.

Jas. Hepburn and Geo. W. Hoar went south to Taber during the week to attend the funeral of the late W. A. Porteous. Mr. Hepburn is a brother-in-law, while Mr. Hoar is a nephew of the deceased.

The provincial government has purchased section 15-42-25, to be worked conjointly with the hospital officials. The property is being fenced, and it is announced that all roads through the section will be closed.

Some thirty-six acres of sunflowers have been planted at the hospital. While last year's experiments were entirely satisfactory but with better soil accommodation even better results are expected from this year's crop. While sunflower is being extensively cultivated in several parts of the Province there is not much being grown in this neighborhood.

Otto Lux is having good success with his nursery work. The town people are taking up the work in an encouraging way, and soon under Mr. Lux's advice there will be homes and grounds to be proud of.

The little moisture, sleet and snow, experienced last week was welcome, and helped to freshen up things wonderfully. Seeding, with the exception of some green feed, is completed, and the grain is coming along nicely. There is no complaint about the cut worm, and of course the grasshopper season has not yet arrived. The crop acreage is somewhat increased this year, and altogether conditions are very satisfactory.

A neighborly act was witnessed in the Dickau settlement on Friday evening. The farmers turned out in French Chianti's crew. Mr. Dousell has been ill with an attack of smallpox, and unable to attend to his farm work. The response was most gratifying, some forty-four head of horses were at work on the land. Just such acts as these make all the world akin.

The Ponoka Minstrels will give an entertainment in the Brooks Hall on June 10th, at 8 p.m. This will be a great show, and the hall should be crowded. There will be a dance after the show.

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Enter Mother-in-Law

By Ella Randall Pearce

The letter was addressed to Mrs. Franklin Kirby and its contents enjoined secrecy. "I want to surprise Franklin," wrote that young man's mother.

"And you've surprised Franklin's wife?" This thought was slightly clouded with bitterness, for Vera had her pre-conceived notions of mothers-in-law and her first feeling was resentment that her happy little home was so soon to be invaded by the arch-enemy of domestic tranquillity.

"Franklin's mother—of course, I expected to meet her some day. And of course, I'll do my best to get on with her. But now—" Vera bent over the typewriter page again.

"I suppose you're right, but if it suits me I may stay." The ideal! Cool, I call that. Coming for a visit—and may stay. Does that mean forever? Oh, well I'll have to hang on the welcome banner, for Franklin's sake."

Vera had been thinking about him next few days; but it rankled within her heart. You couldn't tell her anything about mothers-in-law! She knew what they were like, even the best of them.

She had been thinking a woman quite good enough for their precious son—and Franklin was only a child! And they never quite approved the wife's housekeeping methods, especially her cooking. And they always considered the boy would take every opportunity to say the least thing, a little carelessness of Hubby's comfort; and a little too fond of worldly pleasures.

"Oh, I'm sure to come in for criticism and advice," reflected Vera. "And Franklin thinks me quite a good cook, but I'm not. I'm not going to have my faults pointed out. Now he's going to learn that the woman he married isn't and never can be quite good as the mother he forsakes."

Vera was about to go to bed, when, coming up dismally, vision of what the advent of the elder Mrs. Kirby might mean. She had known Franklin but a short time before they were wedded, but she had met many a steady member of his family. And there had been much for her to learn in the way of domestic arts and sciences.

"And now I'll be told how far from perfect I am." Vera shook her head and went to sleep.

She had a room in order, and also her sewing room, and now she would have to give up her needle work for the present.

"And if it is her, she'll stay," mused Vera. "To think that Frank has some questions about her mother, but I don't dare. He'd suspect. If only I knew more about her. First impressions are so important. Well, the scene is ready, the time is come, enter the mother-in-law."

And then a scene whirled up to the door, and the stranger guest whirled into the Kirby's living room and dropped all her bundles to embrace the waiting hostess.

"So this is Vera, little Vera. Why, you're head and shoulders above me," ran a jaughing, silver-toned voice.

"I'm going to take a good look at you when I get a chance. Oh, my goodness, dropping them all over the floor. They're for Franklin. I've brought some bon-bons for you, my dear."

The newcomer threw off her wraps and looked eagerly around.

"Franklin's mother—I must know her well enough to see it. Can't I look about now, every nook and corner?"

She slipped a hand chidishly into Vera's clasps. "You modern young homemakers frighten me," she rippled. "I'm not so wise, so efficient. I never did learn to keep house. Then she laughed merrily. "But I

kept a cheerful home, and that's something," said Mrs. Franklin's father.

"I am not Frank's father as long as he is with me. Now you're making him happy. I know by his letters."

She looked long and lovingly at Vera, and tenderly patted the hand. "He's a wonderful, wonderful boy!" she said with enthusiasm. "Isn't he worth doing things for?"

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She had an air of permanent youth, and at present there were 894 school districts, of which 200 were separated from towns. There was no organization of school districts has been so rapid that at one time a new school was erected for every day in the year, including Sundays and holidays, and at present there are more than 3,500 school districts of which 200 are separate schools. In 1905 there were no secondary or high schools, though a few of the elementary schools were doing high school work, but now there are 25 high schools and a university, so that it is possible to attend a grammar school, a high school and a university education without having to leave his own province.

Sportsman's Paradise

Saskatchewan One Big Game Countries on Continents

The value of Saskatchewan's game resources is not generally known despite the fact that this province is one of the best big game countries on the continent.

In 1905 alone a total of 2,170 big game animals were secured by licensed hunters. This bag includes 80 caribou, 870 deer and 1,200 moose.

The 1,200 head of moose secured placed on the market, their meat alone weighing over a very heavy weight.

These animals will each day on the average about 400 pounds, which at the low rate of fifty cents a pound would amount to \$20,000.

North of Prince Albert is the caribou country, where caribou have been secured all across the provinces from Onion Lake eastwards, they are especially plentiful from Crooked River east to the Manitoba boundary, within easy reach of the railway. In this district as many as sixteen moose have been killed in one township.

She turned to the other woman and said, "I had a carressing hand on her shoulder."

"I want you to remember, Mother Kirby," she said, and her voice quivered with newly awakened emotion. "Wherever you go, this is your home. After all, with me you'll be safe. And always we shall want you to come and stay as long as you will."

Reason Germans Hold The Ruhr District

Industry of Country Depends Entirely on Coal There

Billion Is Invested in Livestock By The Canadian People

There is no less than \$1,076,000,000 invested in livestock in this country, there is also \$120,000,000 invested in the raising of horses.

Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Gibson, is now the largest exporter of cheese in the world, the minister declared. Dr. Tolson also expressed the hope that our cheese will be in great demand in Great Britain who will result in the embargo against Canadian cattle being removed.

Wealth in Dairying

More Butter Exported Over 3,000,000 Pounds During Past Year.

Butter making is on the increase in the southern portion of Manitoba, according to Mr. G. H. Gibson, dairy commissioner.

The decrease in price has not yet affected the quantity, Mr. Gibson said.

During the past year Manitoba produced 18,000,000 pounds of creamery butter, and 3,000,000 pounds of butter were exported to New Zealand, Denmark and Holland. Mr. Gibson has arranged for the issue of 22,000 bonds dealing with butter making and the production of the best creams.

Good Price For Wool Clip.

About \$400,000 was received by Southern Alberta flock owners for last year's wool clip. The total comes through the Southern Alberta Wool Growers' Association amounted to \$4,654,844 pounds, for which an average price of 28.83 cents was paid.

It was obtained in Canada's most favorable figure in view of the state of the wool market.

Flock Accepts New Appointment.

Marshal Foch, the generalissimo of the Allies, arrived during the great war to accept the command of the honorary colonel of the 22nd Regiment at the Quebec Citadel. His appointment was sanctioned by His Majesty King George and approved by the British Government as well as by Canadian military authorities.

Faithful to the End.

A story is going the rounds about a man in St. Louis who wrote a will in which he named six bankers to be his pall-bearers. "They have carried me for twenty years," he explained, "and they might as well finish the job."—Toronto Star.

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Chinese and Germans at Peace.

A state of peace between China and Germany has been declared according to advice heard in Paris. It puts an end to the state of war and re-establishes diplomatic and commercial relations.

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Love never recognises hardships in its way.

The immigration restriction bill has been signed by President Harding.

Growth Of Education In Saskatchewan

Has Kept Pace With the Increase in Population

Despite the rapid growth of settlement in the prairie provinces, the education of the younger generation has kept pace with the increase in population. Each province has its Department of Education, whose energies have been directed to the opening of schools in every settlement, so that every child throughout Western Canada might have the advantages of a public school. Just how far this has been accomplished may be judged from the following statistics quoted by the province of Saskatchewan:

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Old Fort Ellis and Sioux Indians

Crossing the Plains to Fort Carlton
Summer 1875.

By O-GE MAS-ES (Little Clerk).

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The month was July and shortly after my arrival five York boats arrived from the furthest north post in the district, Lac du Brochet, situated at the northern end of that lake and semi-arctic in climate. About half the boat crews were first meeting with the tribe and certainly the first to appear to that of the plain Indians could not be found. They were rather short, more Asiatic in looks, many of them blarneyed, and they were all a pleasant-looking lot, all well acculturated and hunters and industrial people. Brochet was a famous fur post, and as many of these men were noted hunters, they nearly all had considerable credit with the company, goods having run short in their hands. The Indian balances ran from fifty skins to two or less than twelve furs containing 144 of these articles were shipped to Brochet on Pierre's private account, the freight, of course, amounting to \$100 per ton. The same cost. This was the first time he had sent to Cumberland since these goods were forwarded and as the story was well known we were all aghast to hear the result, but Pierre remained disinterested in regard to it. He, however, had produced a bag of most valuable furs which he had brought along with him, and the factor was greatly pleased with his collection. Factor Belanger's remark, "What is this? You well know private trade is not allowed." "Well," was his slow and cautious reply, "when I came from the west with so much furs I did not feel it became to the Chipewyan that some entirely new vessels had just come in which were invariably used by white people, and they shortly became the rage, and the Laul family who could not serve up the same quality of furs as those I got counted among the elite of savages." There was a great laugh. Truly Pierre had one on the crowd, and was at once given to his for the total cost of the goods, while the company annexed the fur. A few days later he was again asked if he was sure not so slow, now was he? We at last had all goods ready for Lac du Brochet, Pelican Narrows and other posts, and one fine day away they went. The last to leave was Pierre, who was sent on a long tour of inspection of many portages and rapids, rivers, not to mention Lac Brochet itself, which is said to be some two hundred and eighty miles long and full of islands. In fact one year in foggy weather the whole brigade had to go back to Lac du Brochet and off their direct route, which was masked by thick fog from Island to Island, got lost for a week. The whole lake is still a tiny incognita and though geologists have reported variable veins of silver and gold in the soil, no one has ever been able to touch the great north country.

Factor Belanger, having decided to go east for the winter on a visit to his people, the post was made headmaster for the year, and as the only teacher I had ever seen and wondered if it was uttered from the back of the throat. Mr. Deschambault would answer him in the same chocking accents and so on until my patience was sorely tried, as we were very busy and a lot of work to do. A list of what a list would be given us and we would fill the order. In due time they were all paid off and then we had the boatmen to settle with, also much stuff to pack for various posts, as boats had to leave at a certain time to get at the navigation before the ice set in.

Mrs. Belanger had had a Miss Marion, was a lady of much refinement, very kind to us youngsters and constantly entertained us. She had a beautiful garden in which cultivated roses formed a marvellous feature. She was quite a belle, and to anything you would find in Eastern Canada. Madame Deschambault, who had accompanied her husband to headquarters, was a gay young creature, and only too delighted to get away from the snows of Lac du Brochet, to the comparative warmth of Cumberland House where dances were held several times weekly. Pierre himself detected so-called

To Dredge Narrows at Vancouver. Vancouver.—The Federal Government will assist with the dredging of the first narrows at Vancouver to make the entrance to the harbor deeper for deep sea craft of draft. A telegram from Hon. F. W. McCurdy, minister of public works at Ottawa, was read at a luncheon of the Vancouver Shipping Bureau promising aid in the work.

German Sergeant Will Serve Ten Months For Ill-Treating British

Lepis—Sgt. Heyne, accused of having ill-treated British soldiers who were prisoners in his care, was sentenced at St. Vital, Wednesday, to ten months imprisonment by the high court. He was the first German soldier to be tried on criminal charges arising from the conduct of the war.

Heyne, summing up address the prosecution's attorney-general demanded that Heyne be sent to prison for 15 years. In reviewing the testi-
monies at the trial, the prosecutor de-
clared that while prisoners of war
could not be expected to be held in
the same degree of confinement as
victims of the use of offensive
epithets was not warranted. He de-
clared that Sgt. Heyne was shown
to have exceeded the requirements of
his position as guard over British
prisoners in 28 instances.

Attorneys for the defense declared that Heyne was a man of good
will, with affections owing to the humili-
ating attitude of British prisoners in the
prison camp at Harne. The British
were, generally, unruly, con-
stantly mutinous, and reported them-
selves ill when they were perfectly
well.

Sgt. Heyne made an address to
the court, declaring that he had faith in
the judges' sense of justice, and
asking for an acquittal.

Of the other accused booked for
trial soon, interest of the British
was keenest over Carl Neumann, who
commanded U-boat 67, which
had sunk the British ship Dower Castle off
the coast of Africa, May 26, 1917. He is
not yet under detention, but the gov-
ernment has promised to produce
him for trial.

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Disturbance In Egypt

Wire Between Cairo and Alexandria
Have Been Cut.

London.—Telephone wires between
Cairo and Alexandria, Egypt, have
been cut, says a Central News des-
patch from Cairo. No news is com-
ing from Alexandria, and disquieting
rumors are current in Cairo, the de-
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There was only desultory firing in
the streets of Alexandria, reports re-
ceived on the result of the recent
upheaval. Some 100 persons were
killed and nearly 200 persons were
wounded. Looters and disturbers were
responsible for these disturbances.

American Company Buys B. C. Mines

Big Sum Has Been Paid For Silver
Lead Mines.

Rogersville, B. C.—The Waverley
American Lead mines, situated
at the head waters of Donnie Creek,
have been purchased by the Walters
Investment Company of Spokane,
Washington. The exact terms of
the deal are not disclosed, but it is
known that \$200,000 has been paid
for the property. The Walters Com-
pany have spent another \$10,000 for
development work, which includes the
construction of eight miles of wagon
road from Albert Canyon, B. C., to the property.

Coal Freight Rate Cut

Reduced 10 Per Cent. From Alberta
Mines to Prairie Provinces.

Winnipeg.—A reduction of ten per
cent in the rates on coal from the
Alberta mines to the three Prairie
provinces is granted by the Bellamy
Commission in a judgment according to
an Ontario dispatch to the Winnipeg
Evening Free Press. The decision
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Constantinople, although gas
storage privately in nearly all the
sites of the Caucasus region, the peo-
ple are said, in advices received here
to be literally dancing on the edge of
a volcano. Famine is expected in June
or July, and under the surface there
is a deadly fear of a reign of
tribes.

Bread is costing 5,000 roubles per
pound, while 12,000 roubles is requir-
ed to purchase a pound of sugar.

General Wrangel

Goes To Belgrade
Has Received Permission to Reside in
Jugo-Slavia.

Belgrade.—General Baron Wrangel,
former anti-Bolshevik leader in the
Crimea, is expected here by the end
of the month to take up his residence
at Karlovac, 30 miles from Belgrade.

The Belgrade Government recently
gave General Wrangel and his staff
permission to reside in Jugo-
Slavia.

Head Tax Source

Of Annoyance

Officials Say Act In Relation To
Canadian Unrest.

Washington.—The head tax on
Canadians entering the United States
is a source of irritation and causes
embarrassment to officials compelled
to enforce it, W. W. Huland, com-
missioner of the Internal Revenue
Service, said yesterday.

Before the present law went into effect in 1917, the tax applied
only to foreigners who had lived in
Canada less than one year, Mr. Huland
said, adding that the present law,
which provides a six-dollar
head tax on Canadian citizens, has unnecessarily
disturbed friendly relations and should
be repealed.

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MacKellar, editor of MacLean's
Magazine; H. Weston Taylor,
of the Star, and W. V. Chambers,
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Record Journey
Made To Reace River

First Part Travelling By Boat Has
Arrived.

Paste River, Alta.—The first party
to reach Reace River by the water
route from Prince George, B. C., this
season, has arrived. During the
course of their trip they were forced
to cut through the ice on Summit
Lake. A record was made as the
journey was accomplished in seven
caching days and 101 miles were
driven down the Peace River in one
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Starving Soldier

Found in Forest

Had Been In The Bush About A
Week.

Toronto.—A discharged British sol-
dier with \$50 in his pocket, though
his clothes were tattered and filthy,
was found in the forest near Woodstock,
Ontario, yesterday. His identity and
object of the service will be threshed
out.

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uniform. Upon his return to his
home here he became a recluse and
later entered into a fast, declaring,
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blesses me."

Crunk Dies By Fasting.

Selma, Iowa.—General Crunk,
son of a wealthy farmer, died on the
sixtieth day of a self-imposed fast.

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U.S. Meat Imports.

Washington.—The United States
imported 10,000,000 pounds
of meat of all kinds, the Department
of Agriculture announced. About
two-thirds of the imports are said to
have been New Zealand lamb.

Turk Must Release British Prisoners

Constantinople.—The British naval
officials here sent a warning to
Adalia to force the Turks to release
the English ship Dower Castle off
the coast of Africa, May 26, 1917. He is
not yet under detention, but the gov-
ernment has promised to produce
him for trial.

Riel's Brother Ill.

Winnipeg.—Joseph Riel, younger
brother of Louis Riel, founder of
Manitoba, died Saturday evening.

He was 64 years old.

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France Wants Help From U. S.

To Find Solution For the European
Situation.

Paris.—A strong appeal to the
United States to step in and find a
solution to the European situation
was voiced by M. Nohemus, in the
Chamber of Deputies, during the dis-
cussion of the government's foreign
policy.

"The coming hour is the hour of
the United States," said the deputy.
"She has not signed the treaty, but
she has her word to say. Why should
she not be asked to sign the treaty
and disavow the certain clauses of
the treaty, for instance, regarding
disarmament? We look to her for
the return of normal conditions in
Europe."

Propose Reduced Fare For Veterans

Ontario G.W.N.A. Request Rate of
Cent A Mile.

Brantford, Ont.—At the annual
convention of the Ontario Command
of the G.W.N.A. a resolution was passed
asking the Dominion Government to
grant a cent a mile fare for unemployed
veterans and their families on their
way to employment with children under
seven years free.

Such provisions should be continued
until the present economic stage is
overcome.

British Columbia Did Not
Send Inferior Salmon

Fish Supplied During War Was The
Choicest Packed.

Victoria, B.C.—Charles recently
cabled from London by a special
correspondent to a syndicate of news
agents that the fish sent to British
Columbia "was one over England in
quality." The fish, he said, was
from the western provinces of Canada.

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Likes British Rule

Bombay Citizens Say It Is Blessing to
India.

Chicago.—The British administration
has been most lenient to the
masses of India, Boston Rustonie,
former editor of the Oriental Review,
Bombay, India, told the members of
the War Committee of the British
Government, India, before leaving
for the constitutional opposition
faction until that party was
captured by radicals.

Attempt To Wreck
C. N. R. Express Fails

May Be Connection Between This
And Bridge Dynamiting.

Montreal.—An unsuccessful attempt
to blow up the bridge across the
Canadian National Railway, St. Jerome
and Montfort subdivision, has been
reported to the management of the
line here.

The attempt, which took

place on Victoria Day, was made

by a gang of desperadoes

employed by the British Government.

The bridge was successfully dynamited

and the connection of the Cushing
station on the same section of the
railway.

Brand Has Faith
In German Promises

Confident That Government Will
Carry Out Its Obligations.

Paris.—The Chamber of Deputies
has voted a bill to give the
government power to make

German reparations payments by the
substantial majority of 49 against 17.

This followed a three-day debate
in which Premier Briand championed

the government's attitude on the
question.

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Legislative Council Threatens Strike.

Halifax.—The Evening Mail is au-

thorized for the statement that mem-

bers of the Legislative Council, the
upper house of the Nova Scotia Par-

liament, have threatened to hold up

the business of the session unless the

increased indemnity from \$700 to

\$1,500 in the case of members of the

Legislature, and from \$5,000 to \$6,000

in the case of members of the upper

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Entry of Chinese to Canada Made
More Difficult.

Ottawa.—The bill to amend the
Chinese Immigration Act will be
introduced in the Senate together with
a bill to amend the Chinese Immigration
Act.

The bill increases restrictions on the entry
of Chinese to Canada.

Its main purpose is to reduce the
number of Chinese immigrants to Canada.

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THE HERALD.

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Asker

The confirmation and services conducted by Rev. Ellington, of Camrose, last Sunday was well attended. There must have been at least 160 people present from the district and surrounding districts, also from Wetaskiwin. Afterwards the ladies served a big dinner to the entire crowd.

Mrs A. Lamb, of Lacombe, is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Ossie.

Victor Krafing arrived here last Saturday after spending six months with relatives in the States.

Mrs T. Vold and daughter, Miss Asta, and Miss Moon, of Wetaskiwin, spent Sunday at Asker.

Mark and Thel, Kraft, motorized up from Lacombe last Sunday.

H. Mair shipped two bulls to Lacombe last week for the annual sale.

C. Paulsen and A. Anderson, of Wetaskiwin, Sunday at Asker.

Miss Foster had the misfortune to have her hand rather badly last Saturday.

A number of relatives and friends gathered at the home of W. Magadan on Sunday.

Climax

May 23

Fine growing weather these days. Grain and grass are coming on rapidly.

Mr. H. J. Hougham is spending a day in Ponoka.

The wild-boars struck a good flow of water on the M. E. Ovens farm, at a depth of 220 feet.

The Ed. and Wm Schirer families, of Eastside, spent Sunday with Mr and Mrs Otto Magadan.

W. Williams received a bad kick from a horse last week which laid him up for a few days. He is improving nicely.

Mrs Katherine Edwards has received the sad news of the death of her father, Theo J. Oxena, who died recently at his home in Great Falls, Mont. Deceased was 73 years of age.

May 30

Last Friday's snow was a great help to crops.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Martin were visiting relatives and friends here last week. Both are working well, and their California holiday seems to have done them a world of good.

Frost James broke his right arm last Tuesday, while playing leap-frog at school. He is doing nicely at this date.

A driving horse, belonging to Joe Muney, was killed in a run-away last Wednesday by cutting

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Its throat on a barbed wire. No one was injured although Mrs. Muney and little son had a narrow escape.

A large number from Clinton attended the confirmation services in Asker Sunday.

Irene Few is out from Ponoka spending a few days with relatives.

Robert and Elmer Owens are in Irene breaking for Elles Jenkins

CHURCH NEWS

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Sunday, June 5th—Morning service at 11 a.m., Confirmation class on Friday, June 3rd, at 4 p.m.

UNION CHURCH

Sunday, June 5th—11 a.m., Sunday school session classes for all ages.

The evening service will be withdrawn. The members of congregation are desired to unite with the Baptist congregation for evening worship.

Ladies' Aid will meet in the church parlor on Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. All are cordially invited.

Church meeting for prayer and Bible study at the home of Mrs. Giedenlong on Thursday, June 9th, at 8 p.m.

BAPTIST

Sunday, June 5—Brooks church service at 11 a.m.; Sunday school at 12. Ponoka, 7:30, subject, "The Last Beatitudes of the Ascended Christ," solo singing by the Matron Quartette.

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PEACE HATH HER BATTLES,

NO LESS THAN WAR."

Don't fail to hear the Matron Quartette at the Baptist church on Sunday evening, June 5th.

THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS"

A particular and sentimental interest centers about the novel of "The Shepherd of the Hills," a picturization of the book, shown in this town next Wednesday.

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Weekly Health Talk No. 21
By Dr. H. B. Foster, the Chiropractor

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BASEBALL**Ponoka and Red Deer
Have Tussle**

Ponoka and Red Deer were the opening teams in the opening game of the Alberta Provincial League, which was pulled off at the Deer, May 24, under ideal weather.

Hans Rohwer was the twirler for Ponoka and during the first two innings he had the best of it over Red Deer, for they gleaned a few hits which ended foul or were over the plate. The other seven innings were in quick order, Rohwer getting into trouble, but pulling out of it. Red Deer gave down to one of two scattered hits. Peterson, pitcher for Red Deer, with only five hits against him, but was very generous with his passes, and the moundmen pitched fairly steady ball.

Ponoka made a determined bid for the win, but Red Deer held on. Stark struck out. Healey got safely to first. Denevan got a hit, but was out at second, but still scored, holding Longman on third, the forward moved well together, and showed a good understanding of each other's play. The last two batters were safe, but both kept the backs and goal-keeper from getting a chance to show their ability.

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FOOTBALL

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For the visitors, "The Ideal Shoe" at right back and "The Ideal Half" at right wing, both played well until he was injured, and scored Ponoka's first goal. Lack of combination and overconfidence on the part of the visitors led to a loss of several goals. For the hospital team the forward moved well together, and showed a good understanding of each other's play. The last two batters were safe, but both kept the backs and goal-keeper from getting a chance to show their ability.

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